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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Burchard

Confirmation No.: 6450

Serial No.: 09/616,849 ✓

Art Unit: 1634

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Examiner: Forman, Betty J.

For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE
SPECIFICITY AND SENSITIVITY OF
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES FOR
HYBRIDIZATION

Attorney Docket No: 9301-044

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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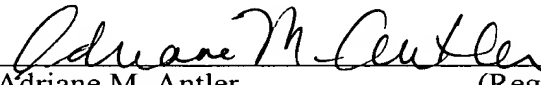
Pursuant to MPEP section 713.04, Applicant submits the following statement of the substance of a telephonic interview held on November 25, 2003 between Primary Examiner Betty J. Forman and Applicant's representative Weining Wang (on behalf of Adriane M. Antler) in connection with the above-identified application.

With respect to Mr. Wang's inquiry regarding the disposition of claims 37-40, 42, 43, 48-54, 84, 85, 90, 92 and 94-104, which are not listed as rejected in the Advisory Action mailed September 8, 2003, the Examiner confirmed that these claims are rejected but were inadvertently omitted from the Advisory Action mailed September 8, 2003.

Applicant respectfully requests that the above statement be made of record in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 19, 2003


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